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## FULL FREEWAY CLOSURES SCHEDULED FOR ARTESIA FREEWAY

**BELLFLOWER/CERRITOS** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces the following full freeway closures for the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane reconstruction and pavement rehabilitation project on the westbound Artesia Freeway (SR-91), Tuesday, May 17 through Saturday, May 21, nightly, for installation of loop detectors. The closure schedule is as follows:

### **Westbound Route 91:**

#### **Tuesday, May 17 and Wednesday, May 18, 12:01 a.m. to 4 a.m.:**

- All four regular use lanes from Carmenita Road to Artesia Boulevard.  
**DETOUR:** Exit at Carmenita Road off-ramp, north on Carmenita Road, west on Artesia Boulevard to the westbound SR-91 Freeway on-ramp. A portable changeable message signboard will be placed on the right shoulder of the westbound SR-91 Freeway, near Carmenita Road, with the message: **“FREEWAY CLOSED AHEAD – CARMENITA TO ARTESIA”**

#### **Thursday, May 19, 12:01 a.m. to 4 a.m.:**

- All four regular use lanes from Artesia Boulevard to Norwalk Boulevard.  
**DETOUR:** Exit at Artesia Boulevard off-ramp, west on Artesia Boulevard, north on Norwalk Boulevard to the westbound SR-91 Freeway on-ramp. A portable changeable message signboard will be placed on the right shoulder of the westbound SR-91 Freeway, near Carmenita Road, with the message: **“FREEWAY CLOSED AHEAD – ARTESIA TO NORWALK”**

#### **Friday, May 20, 12:01 a.m. to 4 a.m.:**

- All four regular use lanes from Norwalk Boulevard to Pioneer Boulevard.  
**DETOUR:** Exit at Norwalk Boulevard off-ramp, west on Artesia Boulevard; south on Norwalk Boulevard, west to Pioneer Boulevard; north to the westbound SR-91 Freeway on-ramp. A portable changeable message signboard will be placed on the right shoulder of the westbound SR-91 Freeway, near Carmenita Road, with the message: **“FREEWAY CLOSED AHEAD – NORWALK TO PIONEER”**

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## **Saturday, May 21, 2 a.m. to 5 a.m.:**

- All four regular use lanes from Pioneer Boulevard to San Gabriel River Freeway (I-605).

**DETOUR:** Exit at Pioneer Boulevard off-ramp; north on Pioneer Boulevard; west on Alondra Boulevard to I-605 Freeway on-ramps. A portable changeable message signboard will be placed on the right shoulder of the westbound SR-91 Freeway, near Carmenita Road, with the message: **“FREEWAY CLOSED AHEAD – PIONEER TO ROUTE 605”**

The following lanes, ramps, and connectors will also be closed on the westbound SR-91 Freeway, nightly, Monday, May 16 through Saturday, May 21, from 9 p.m. until 5 a.m. for pavement replacement, landscape construction, and installation of a drainage system. The closure schedule is as follows:

## **Westbound Route 91:**

### **Monday, May 16 and Tuesday, May 17:**

- 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. – HOV lane and up to three regular use lanes from Carmenita Road to Artesia Boulevard.
- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. – 183<sup>rd</sup> Street on-ramp.
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Artesia Boulevard off-ramp.

### **Wednesday, May 18:**

- 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. – HOV lane and up to three regular use lanes from Artesia Boulevard to Norwalk Boulevard.
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Artesia Boulevard on-ramp.
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Bloomfield Avenue on-ramp.
- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Norwalk Boulevard off-ramp.

### **Thursday, May 19:**

- 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. – HOV lane and up to three regular use lanes from Norwalk Boulevard to Pioneer Boulevard.
- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Northbound and southbound Norwalk Boulevard on-ramps.
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Norwalk Boulevard off-ramp.

### **Friday, May 20:**

- 10 p.m. until 7 a.m. – HOV lane and up to three regular use lanes from Pioneer Boulevard to San Gabriel River Freeway (I-605).
- 7 p.m. until noon – Northbound and southbound Pioneer Boulevard on-ramps to I-605 connector.

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## **Westbound Route 91: (continued)**

### **Friday, May 20:**

- 11 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Westbound SR-91 to northbound and southbound I-605 connector.
- 9 p.m. until 10 a.m. - Studebaker Road off-ramp.

Route 91, one of the most heavily traveled roads in Los Angeles County, was also one of the first freeways to offer HOV lanes. As a result, the asphalt pavement has experienced extensive wear and needs to be replaced. The pavement replacement project will improve safety and mobility for motorists. Also, because of the 20-year longevity of the new pavement materials, the need for future maintenance will be reduced. This project began construction in spring 2003, and the final stage of the HOV portion will be completed in spring 2005.

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